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India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #26 - As of 1100 A.M. EDT)

1. Indian Defense Minister Chavan, in a statement to Parliament, has admitted that Indian forces have suffered reverses in the Kasur-Ferozepure area--the southernmost prong of the Indian drive into Pakistan in the Punjab. Pakistani officials have been claiming victories in this area for some days.

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2. Chavan again stated that India did not want to extend the areas of conflict, adding that India had the limited objective of ending Pakistani incursions into Indian territory. This relatively moderate statement is probably meant to save Indian face in light of the reverses in the Ferozepure area, but may also be an indication that the Indian Government is having some second thoughts as a result of the relatively poor military showing of the Indian forces. The US Consulate General in Calcutta reports that many people in eastern India desire the fighting to end and are highly conscious of the economic cost of the war. In part this represents east Indian detachment from fighting that is going on several thousand miles away.

3. Air Vice Marshal Nur Khan, the Pakistani Air Force chief, has told the head of the US MAAG mission in Pakistan that at the current rate of operations the Pakistani stock of ammunition would soon be depleted. He added that the stopping of US military

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aid would have a more serious effect on Pakistan than on India. At the same meeting the Pakistani Defense Minister claimed that all fighting in the Punjab was now on the Indian side of the border.

4. The US Consulate General in Dacca reports that several hundred students in the East Pakistan city demonstrated in the streets Wednesday calling for an end to the "senseless war" and for peace and friendship with India.

5. The Indian Minister of External Affairs told the Indian Parliament this morning that India will consider it a hostile act if any state supplied arms to Pakistan. The Indian radio reports that the statement was made with regard to reports of Indonesian aid to Pakistan.

6. Brezhnev in a speech in Moscow today called on both sides to display "realism, restraint, and wisdom." This statement is a further indication of Soviet concern regarding the fighting on the subcontinent and is an authoritative restatement of the recent TASS statement along the same lines.

7. The bulk of the Pakistani fleet based at Karachi now appears to have returned to port, having successfully avoided the Indian sea forces that had attempted to cut them off at sea.

8. The US Embassy in New Delhi reports that two convoys of SA-2 surface-to-air missile equipment were seen in the Delhi area, heading south, and that a third convoy was spotted over 100 miles south of New Delhi near Agra. India's motives in moving the SAM equipment away from areas it is supposed to be defending is puzzling. The moves may indicate that deficiencies in training or equipment prevent the Indians from setting up all 11 of the sites scheduled to be ready by now. It may also indicate a shortage of trained personnel, although training has been under way at Baroda in Gujarat since the spring of 1964 and courses should last no longer than 6 to 8 months.

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